

Commercial Vehicle Data

Trucking's Economic Impact

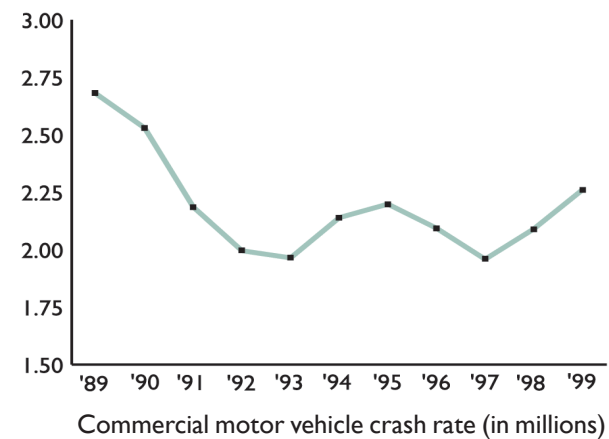
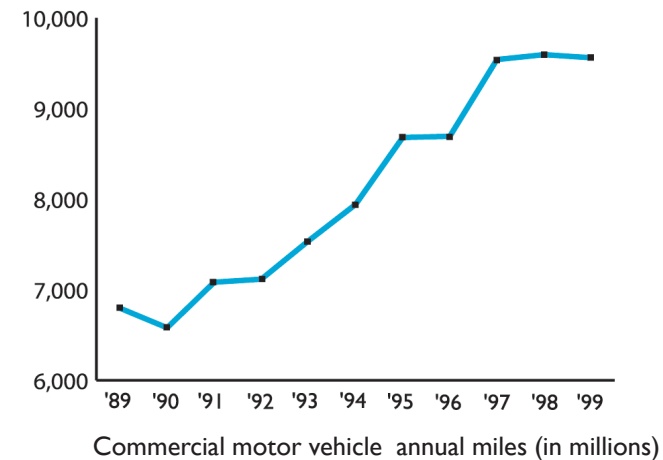
Trucking is an integral part of Indiana's economy. According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics Commodity Flow Survey, Indiana had the third highest value of truck shipments in all 50 states. In addition, Indiana had the sixth highest ton-miles of truck shipments in all 50 states. These truck shipments include shipments made from, to, through and within the state.

Of single mode shipment trips, trucking in Indiana carries 77 percent of the value of shipments, 74 percent of the tons of shipments and 51 percent of the ton-miles.



Commercial Vehicle Safety

Because trucking carries the majority of shipments originating in Indiana, the safety of the trucking industry and the motoring public has become a key goal of the state. The graph to the right shows the statistics demonstrating the trends of commercial motor vehicle safety in the state of Indiana.





A state inspector from the Motor Carrier Division inspects a semi-trailer.

Safety and Truck Inspections

In order to increase the safety of the motoring public, the Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division performs safety inspections on both commercial motor vehicles and the drivers. This is an effort to decrease the number of crashes despite an increased number of miles traveled over the last 10 years. The following charts illustrate the increase in the number of trucks and drivers placed out of service for violations.

Source for graphs: Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division, BTS Transportation Statistics Annual Report, BTS 1997 Commodity Flow Study

